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Milnthorpe Primary School

*Dear Parents and carers,*

A fortnight ago, we tentatively suggested that Spring *might* have arrived! We can now say with more confidence that we have made it!

The big news, since our last FYI, has to be our **Story Raid** sessions. We kept these top-secret beforehand, but what a fantastic day we had with 3 different story-tellers bouncing around school and interrupting lessons, unannounced, to fascinate and entertain with their wonderful stories. It was a really special day and has inspired the children to retell the stories they heard, as well as begin to create their own tales. Of course, the very next day was **World Book Day** and again this was a special day with some fantastic costumes and activities, teachers even swapped classes to read stories.

As ever, at Milnthorpe Primary School, the sports do not cease; we've had a **Year 3 and 4 Football Tournament**, whole school **Cricket Coaching** and our dance team are putting the finishing touches to their performance ahead of next week's **Brewery Dance Platform**. I must give a special sporting mention to **Norman Philbey**. Some of you may not be aware of Norman, but for a very long time he has volunteered his time to coach and teach table tennis. The work he has done with pupils here at Milnthorpe has enabled them to achieve great success in regional and national competitions. Norman will be handing over coaching duties after Easter, to Seamus so hopefully his coaching legacy will carry on long into the future. I would like to say a huge 'thank you' to Norman for everything he has done here at Milnthorpe, his last session with us will be on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> March.

We have enjoyed having the local fire engine with us today! This was a special visit where the firefighting team worked with Year 2 pupils as part of their '**Great Fire of London**' project - you might well have seen some of the photos of their carefully staged re-enactment. As Volunteer On-call Firefighters, they are always on the look-out for new recruits. This includes some amazing training opportunities and you do not have to be on-call 24/7. I was surprised to learn that in the event of a 999 call, particularly during the daytime, there may be times when an appliance from much further afield would have to be called instead due to volunteer availability in the local area. If you would like to learn more, please do get in touch with them as they would love to hear from you.

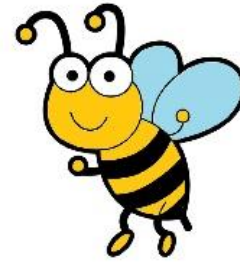
Finally, **parking**...you may have seen our PCSO observing the parking outside school this morning. We are always seeking solutions and ideas to help make drop-off and collection safer for children, and simpler for parents. Our PCSO will be passing on her observations to the relevant authorities and will send a letter out to families in due course. Thank you to everyone who has helped us in trying to improve these busy times of day, we appreciate the difficulties and time pressures, particularly first thing in the morning. The children's safety will continue to be our top priority as we explore ways to improve.

*Thank you and best wishes,*

*Paul Macfarlane  
Head teacher*

Years 3 and 4 are rehearsing for their upcoming production, **The Bee Musical**.

Keep an eye out for information on how to book your tickets 🐝



### Cricketing Opportunities for all at Milnthorpe Cricket Club

Did your child enjoy their training session with Adam and Oliver last week? If so, Milnthorpe Cricket Club is the place for them!

Training takes place on Wednesday evenings from 6.00pm and includes sessions for under 9's, girl's hardball, two senior mens teams and a ladies softball team. They also have four junior teams who compete in the leagues!

Please contact Suzie on 07843 440113 for coaching and training enquiries.

Milnthorpe Cricket Club also has an active Facebook page 🐝



### Easter Holiday and Closure Time

Just a little reminder that school closes for the Easter holidays on **Friday 4<sup>th</sup> April 2025 at 1.30pm** and reopens on **Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> April at 8.45am**.

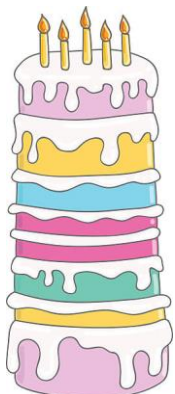


### PTA Crazy Hair Day Reminder

Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> April 2025

Make a note in your calendars for this fun day at school! Click on the link below for some simple, but effective ideas 🐝

<https://www.theidearoom.net/crazy-hair-day-ideas/>



### March Birthdays

*"Happy Birthday to you...."*

Eva Ilaboya, Larissa Elliott, Thomas Johnson, Summer Hall, Thomas Tolson, Casper Beck, Logan Harnett, Henry Ragg, Annie Pitchers, Callie Beck, Flori Winder, Gabriel Winder, Lily-Mae Semple, Arlo Hobson, Hughie Simpson, Isla Parums, Leah Marquez, Logan Oliver, Alfie Whitelock, Zoe Parums, Lucas Urban, Connor Urban, Esme Lambert, Matei Plesca,

*.... enjoy your special day!"*



## Useful Links to our School Website

- *Diary Dates* - <https://milnthorpe.cumbria.sch.uk/cumbria/primary/milnthorpe>
- *Guidance on Requesting Leave of Absence* - <https://www.milnthorpe.cumbria.sch.uk/cumbria/primary/milnthorpe/site/pages/schoolinformation/holidaysintermtime>
- *Holiday Dates for Academic Year 2024-2025* <https://www.milnthorpe.cumbria.sch.uk/cumbria/primary/milnthorpe/site/pages/schoolinformation/termtimeandholidaydates>